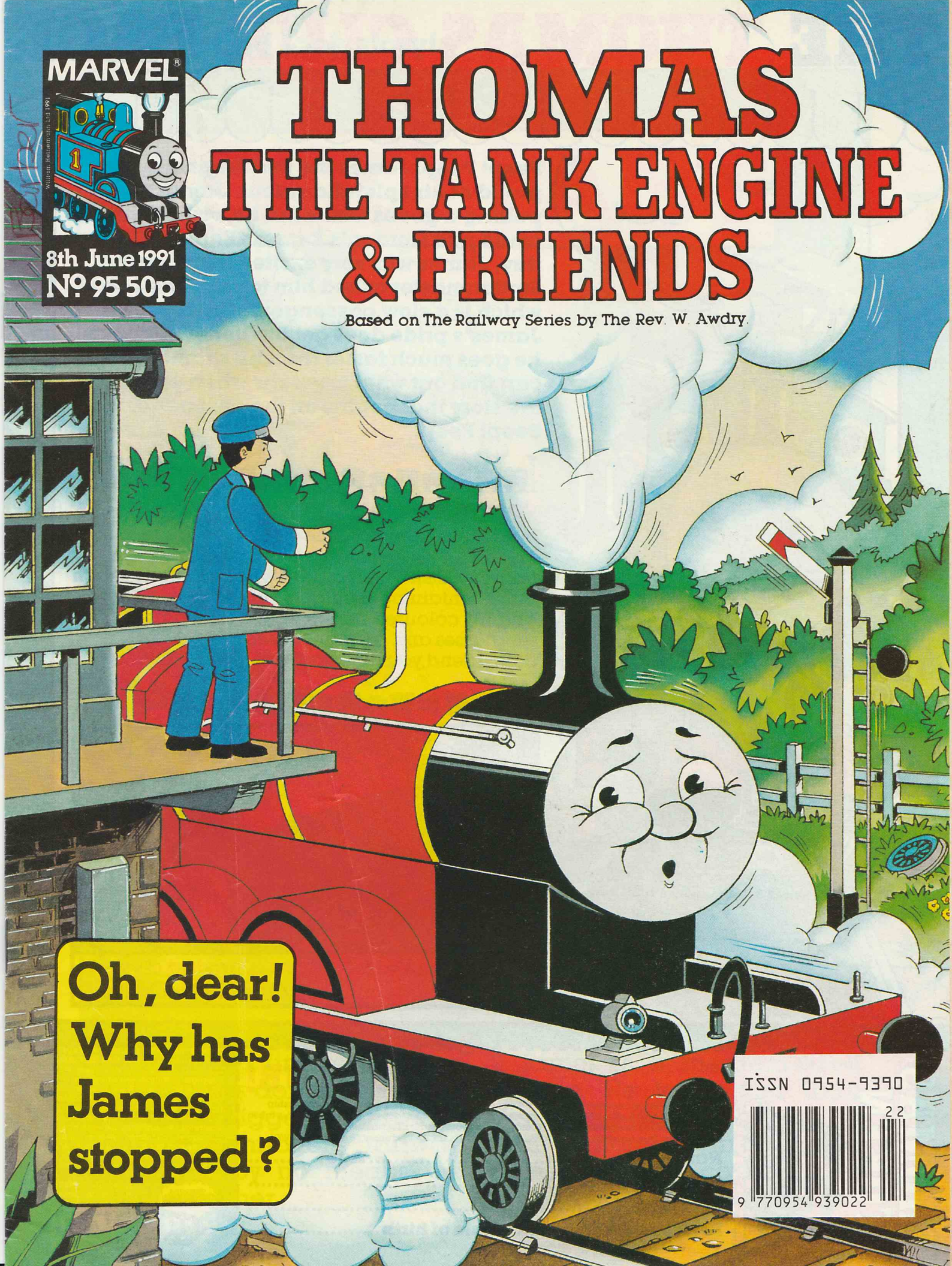

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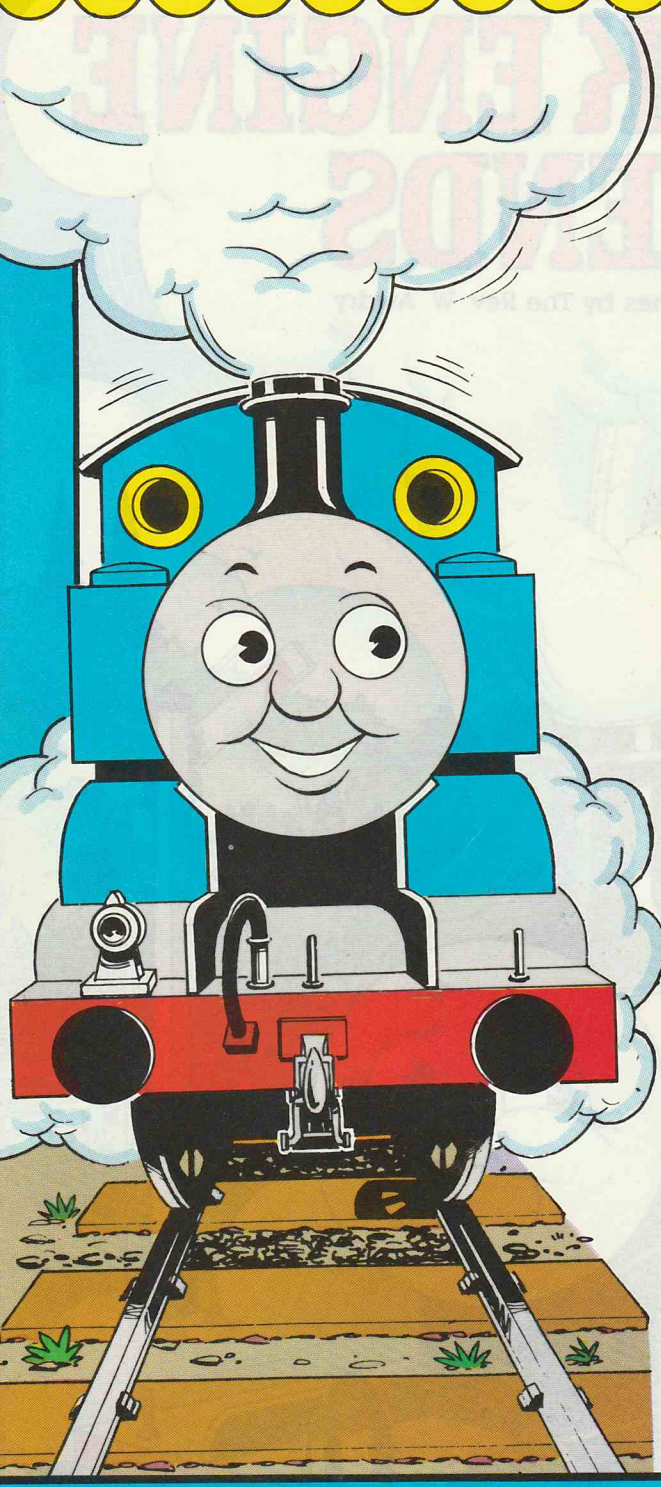
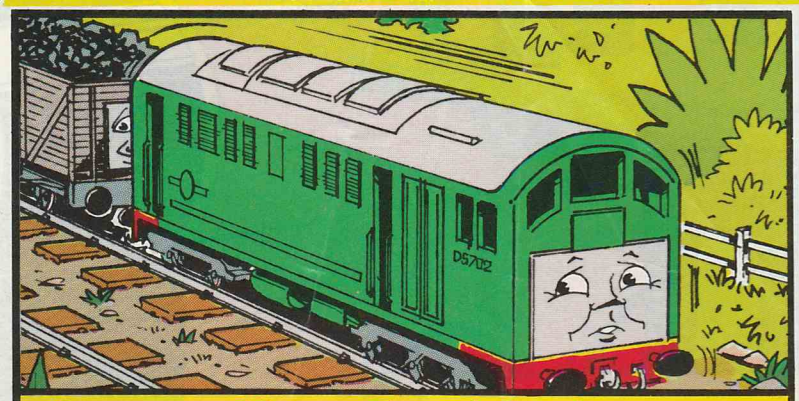


Peep! Peep! James the Red Engine is very proud of his splendid colour. James was pulling a goods trains but he wished that he could pull Gordon's Express Engine! One day, James was very excited because the Stationmaster asked him to pull 'The Local', which is a slow passenger train! However James's pride does get the better of him as he goes much faster than he should! You can find out what happens when you read the story that begins on the next page! Peep! Peep!

SPLENDID COMPETITION INSIDE!

Inside this splendid issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends**, there is a super competition from *Fiendish Feet*! You can win a fabulous Beach pack containing a unique *Fiendish Feet* T-Shirt, a brightly coloured beach bag, a cool pair of sunglasses and a super beach ball! So don't delay! Send your entry as soon as possible!



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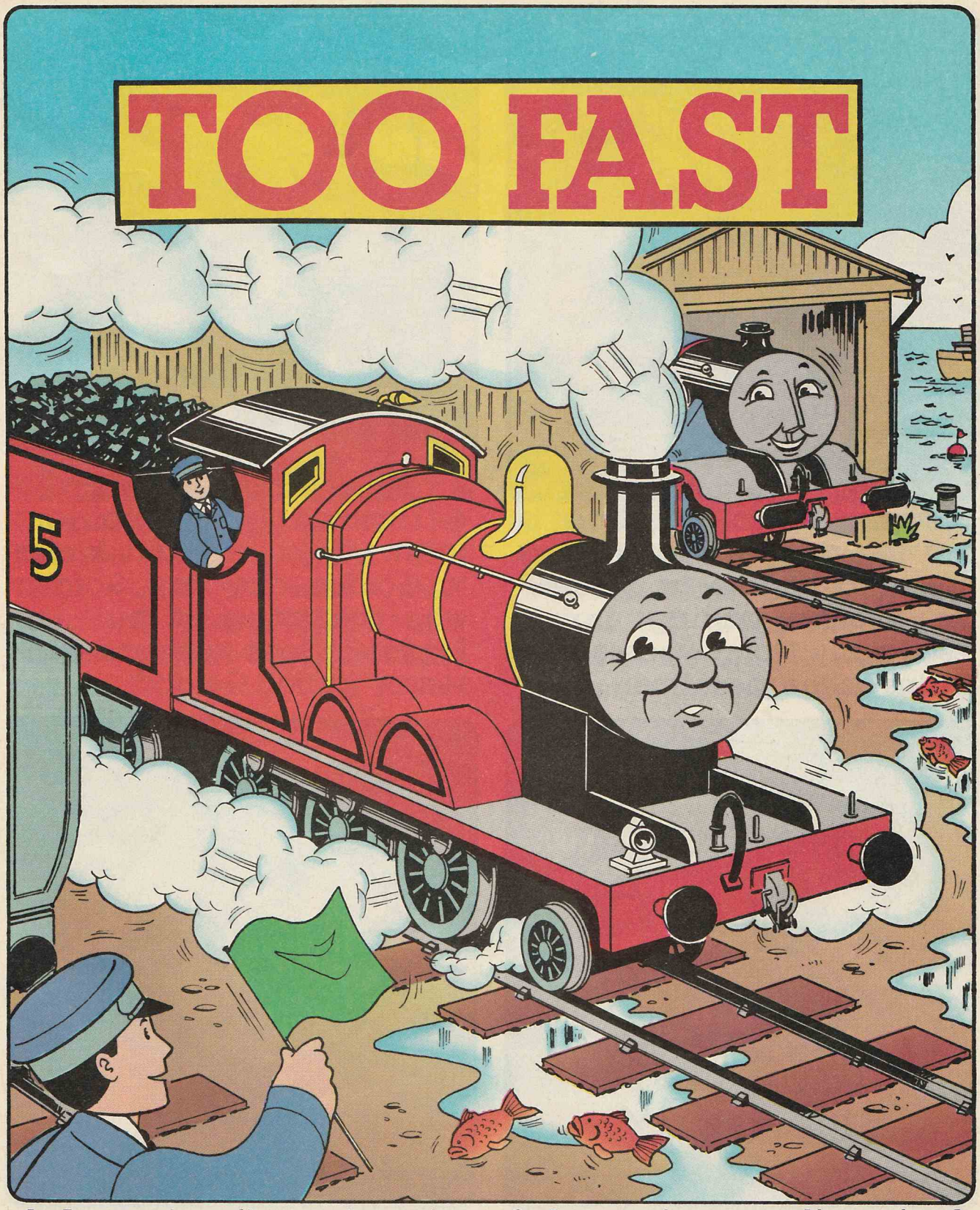
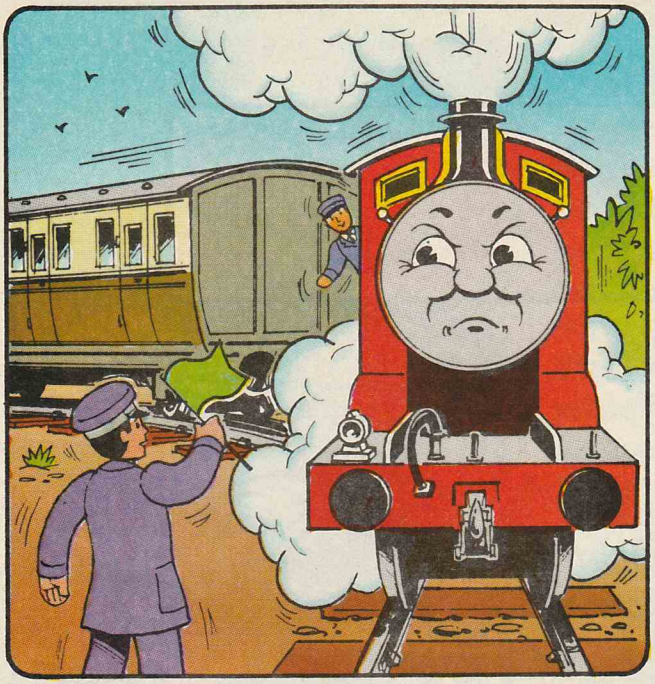
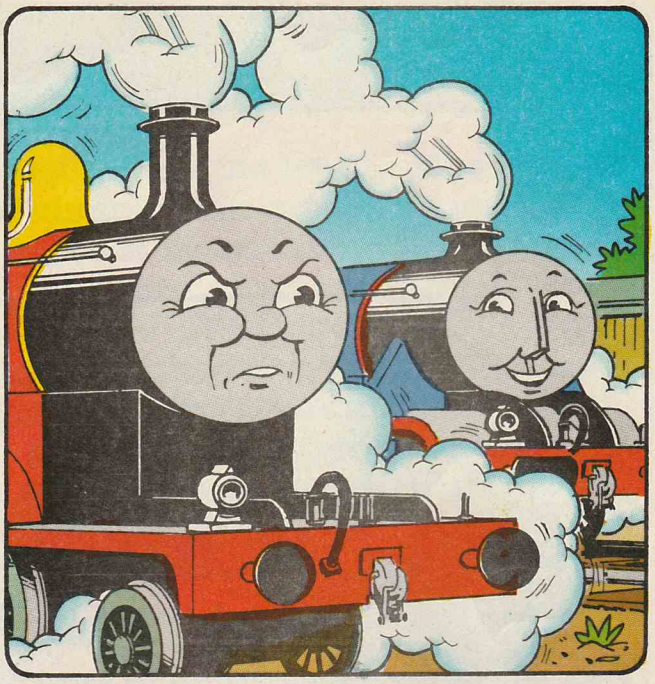


1. James is a fine red engine with a brass dome. He his not one of the biggest engines on the Fat Controller's railway, but he is by no means the smallest either.

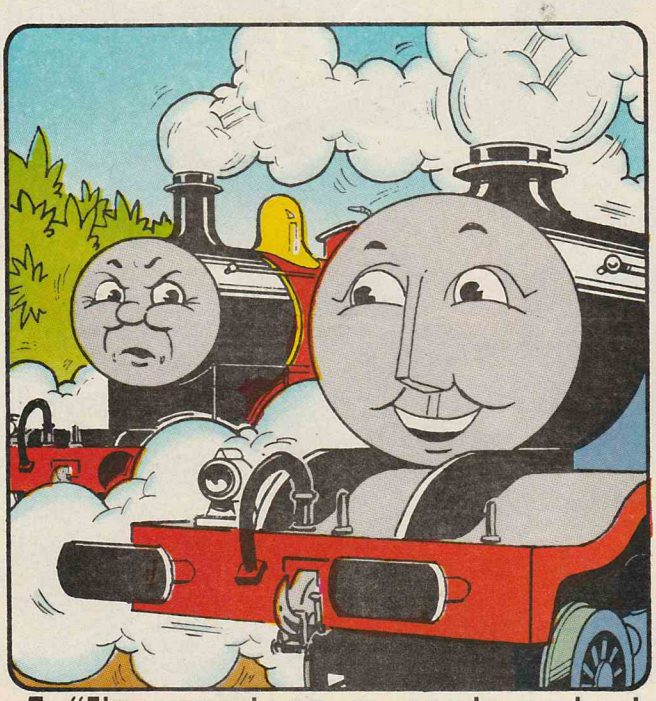
2. James is a medium-sized engine. He is smaller than Henry and Gordon, but larger than Thomas and Percy. Sometimes this can lead to problems.



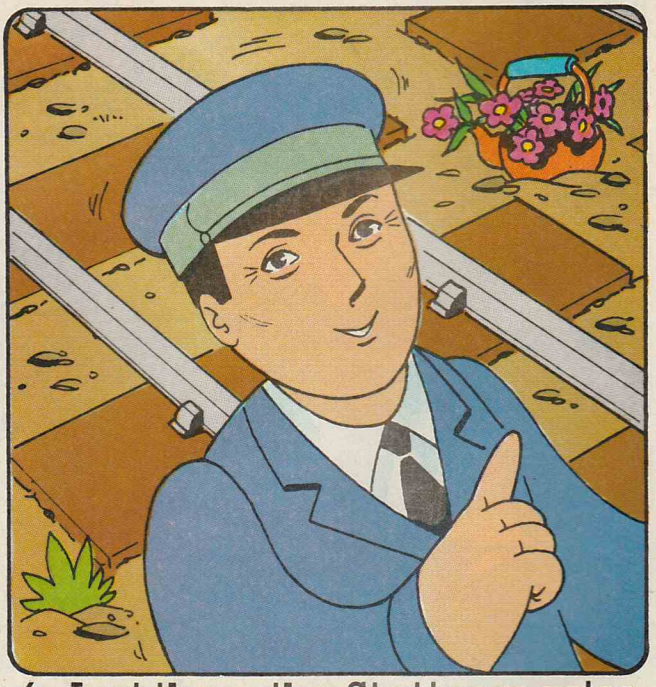
3. James thinks shunting is not the right job for such a splendid engine as himself! He prefers pulling trains, especially long passenger trains on the mainline!



4. "I should be pulling your train, you know!" said James to Gordon one day. Gordon was preparing to pull the Express. "Don't talk such nonsense!" puffed Gordon.

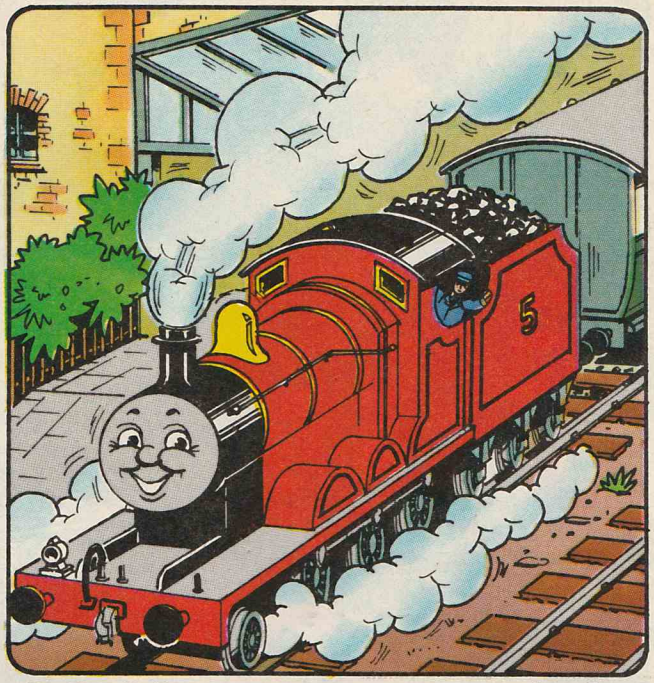


5. "I'm a strong engine, just like you are!" replied James. "But you're not big enough to pull the Express," insisted Gordon. "It would never do!"

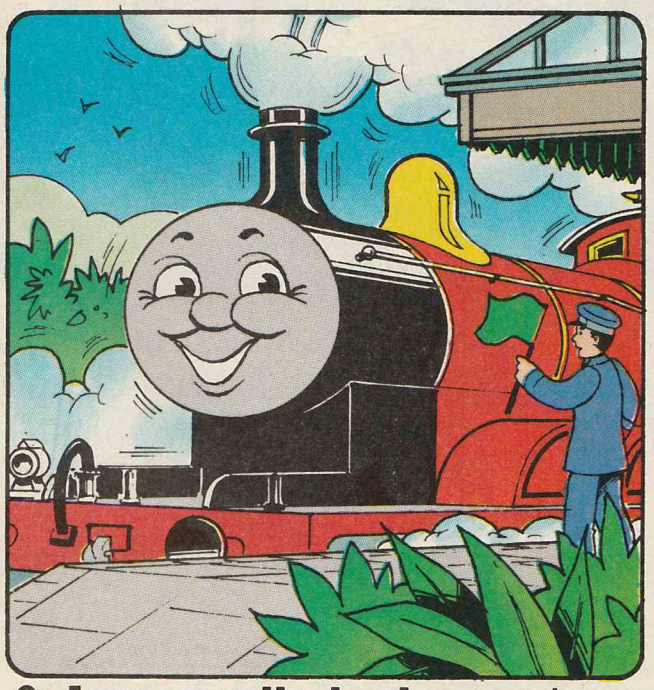


6. Just then, the Stationmaster arrived. "I want you to take 'The Local', James," he said. James was pleased because 'The Local' is the slow passenger train.

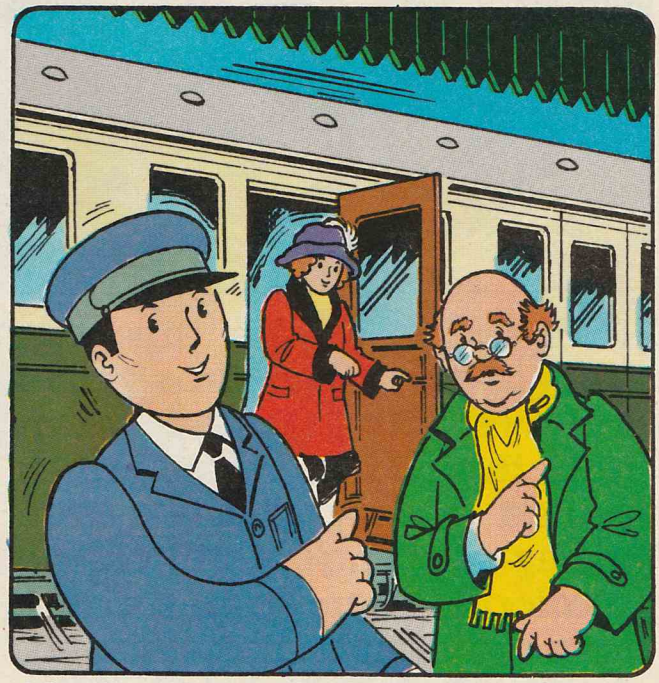
7. James was very excited. He hurried across the yard. "Wait until Gordon sees me!" laughed James. "Don't rush, James," the Stationmaster called to him.



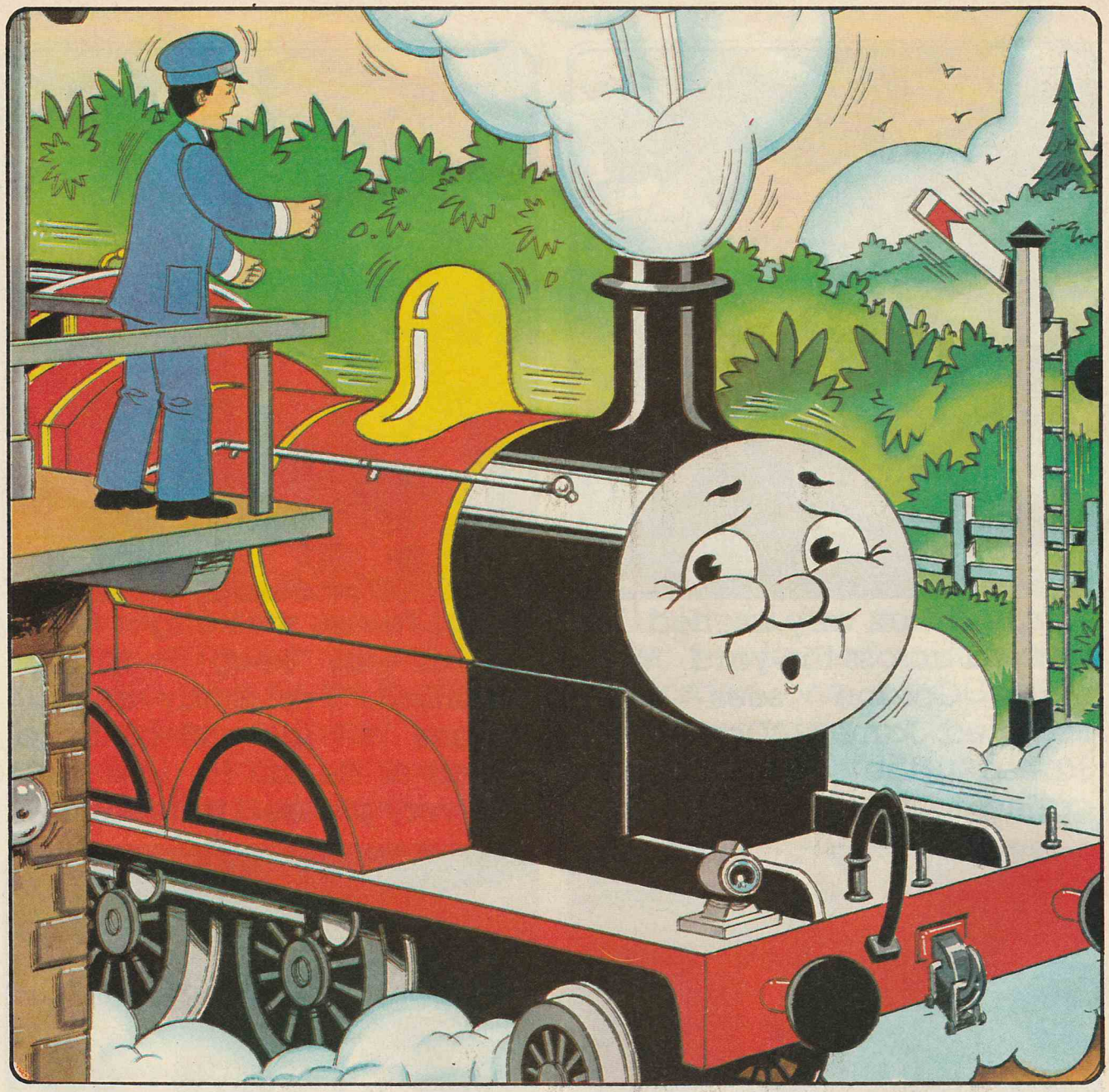
8. But James was eager to be on his way. "Peep! Peep!" he whistled. "I'm ready to go!" James left the station in a cloud of steam. He was feeling very pleased indeed!



9. James rolled along, singing as he went. "Faster, faster. Just like Gordon!" Soon, he came to the first station. "Peep! Peep!" he whistled. "All aboard!" called his guard.



10. "Is this the Express?" a gentleman asked. James was very proud to be mistaken for the Express. "No, sir," said the guard to the gentleman. "This is 'The Local'."



11. "I didn't realise this was 'The Local'!" exclaimed one lady, as she stepped down from the coach. When James pulled away, there were many passengers still on the platform. Then James came to a red signal and stopped. A signalman directed them into a siding. "You'll have to wait here," said the signalman. "You're too early!"

12. "The Express was meant to leave before you, James!" the signalman explained. "Poop! Poop!" came a loud whistle behind them. "Out of my way!" bellowed Gordon, as he rushed past with the Express. The signalman looked at James. "You mustn't rush the slow train," he advised. "I know, I've been going too fast," muttered James.

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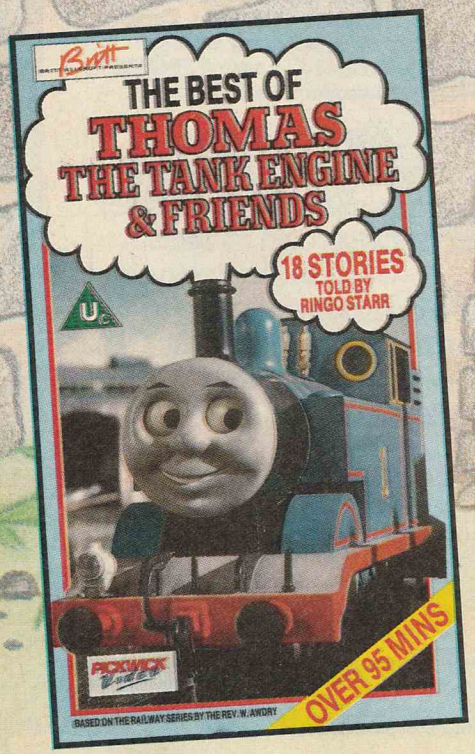

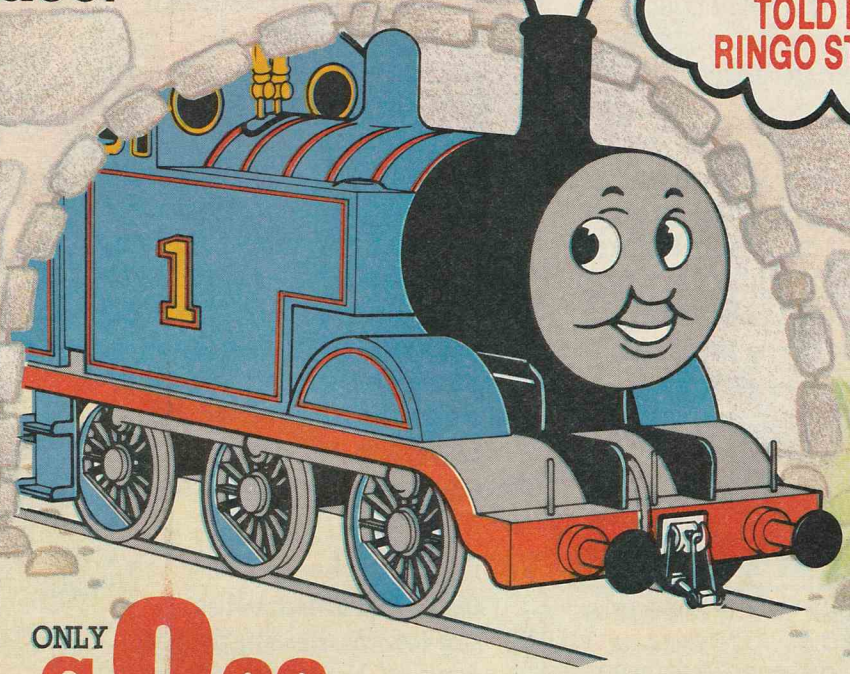

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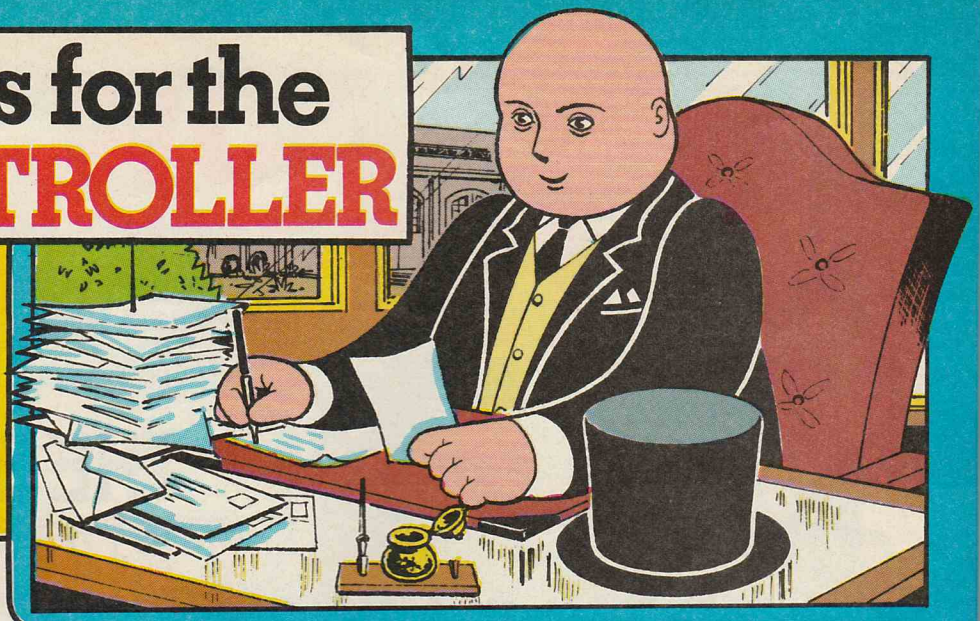

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I had a lovely time at the York train exhibition. I saw lots of engines and some carriages like Annie and Clarabel. I climbed into some of the engines and pretended to be the driver. I also played with the signals and changed the lights!
Love from **Matthew**, aged 3.

Upon my soul! *I am so glad that you had such a splendid time at the York exhibition! It is a very fine spectacle indeed and you must have learned alot about so many different engines!*

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NORTHERN LINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I had my first journey on a train last week! Granny and Granpa came with me on a train to Edinburgh Castle. I enjoyed it very much, especially the tunnels. There were lots of engines in Waverley Station but none as nice as Thomas!
Love from **Jamie**, aged 3.

My! My! *You did choose a fine railway line for your first journey. I do agree! There are many splendid engines in Waverley Station. Did you see any engines like Donald and Douglas, who are my twin engines from Scotland?*

POPULAR ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite engine is James. He once came off the rails with some trucks. James's coat of paint is my best colour!
Love from **Edward**, aged 5.

Well! Well! *I must agree, James is a very popular engine on the Island of Sodor and he has had many troublesome moments with his trucks!*

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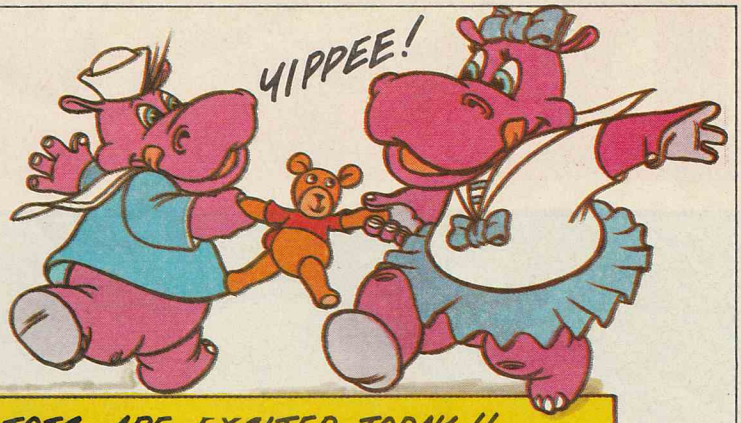

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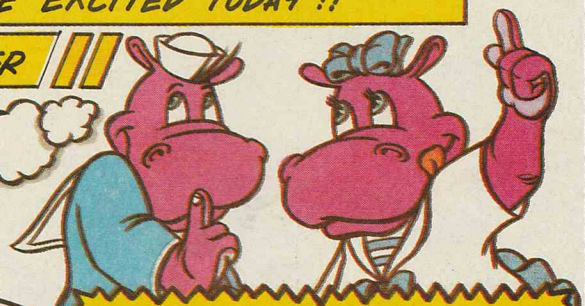

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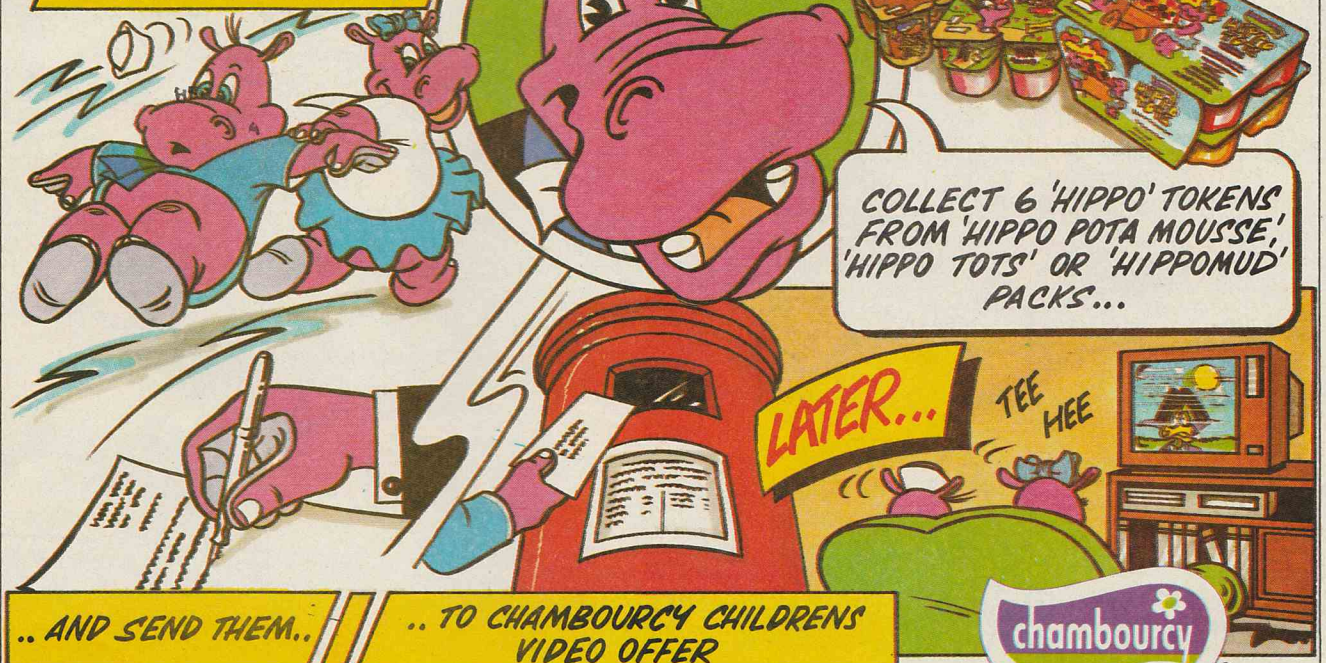

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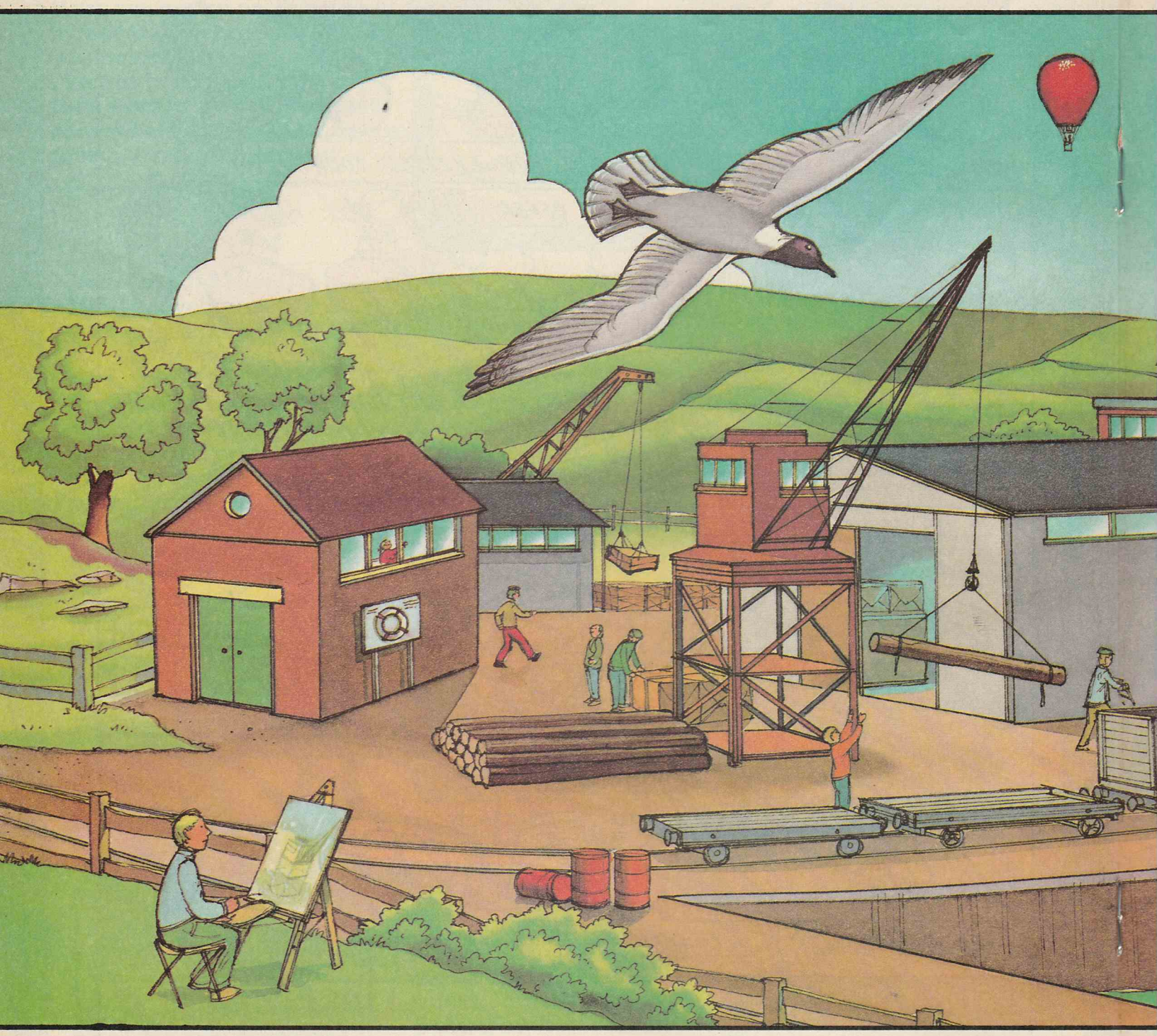

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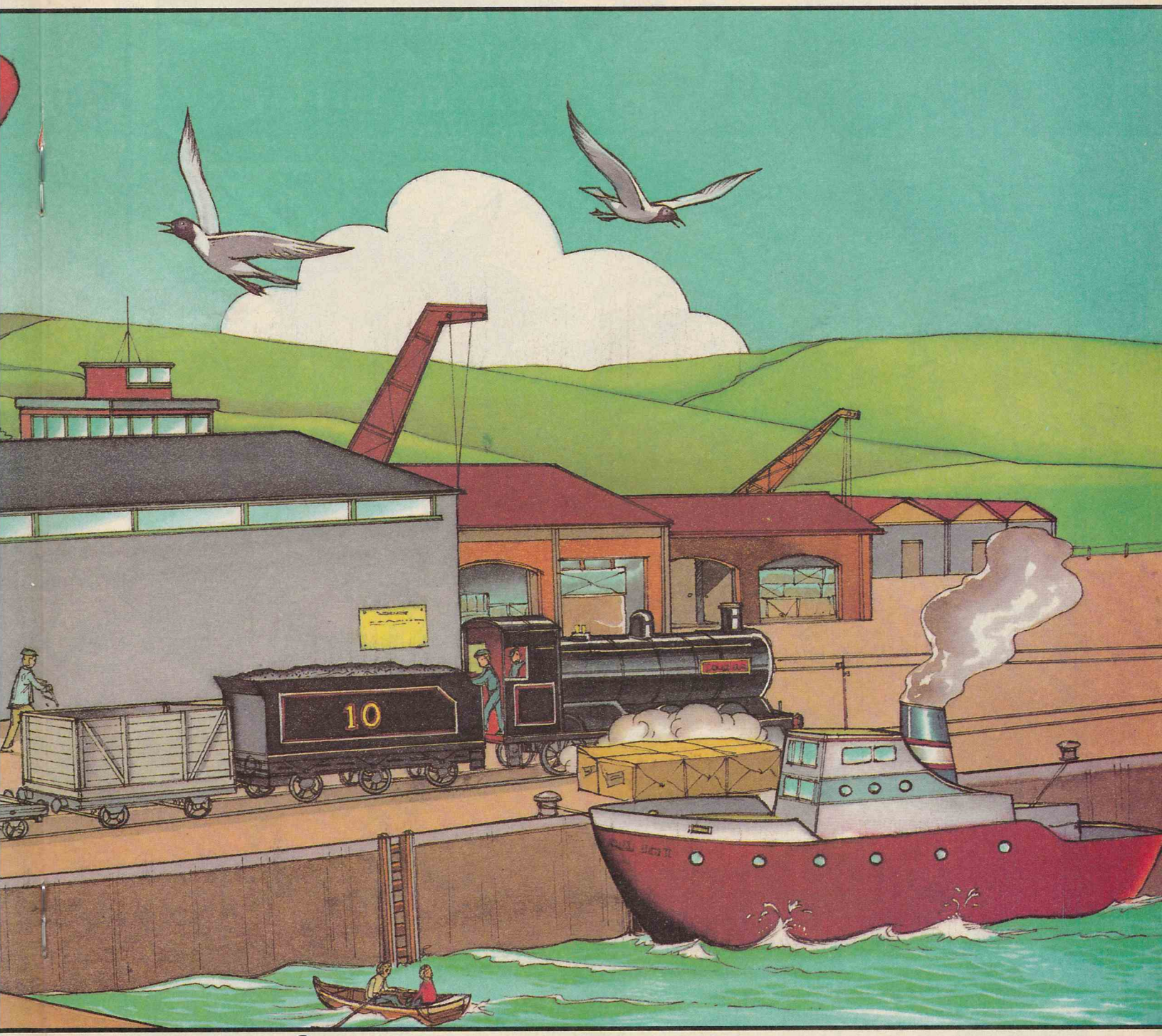

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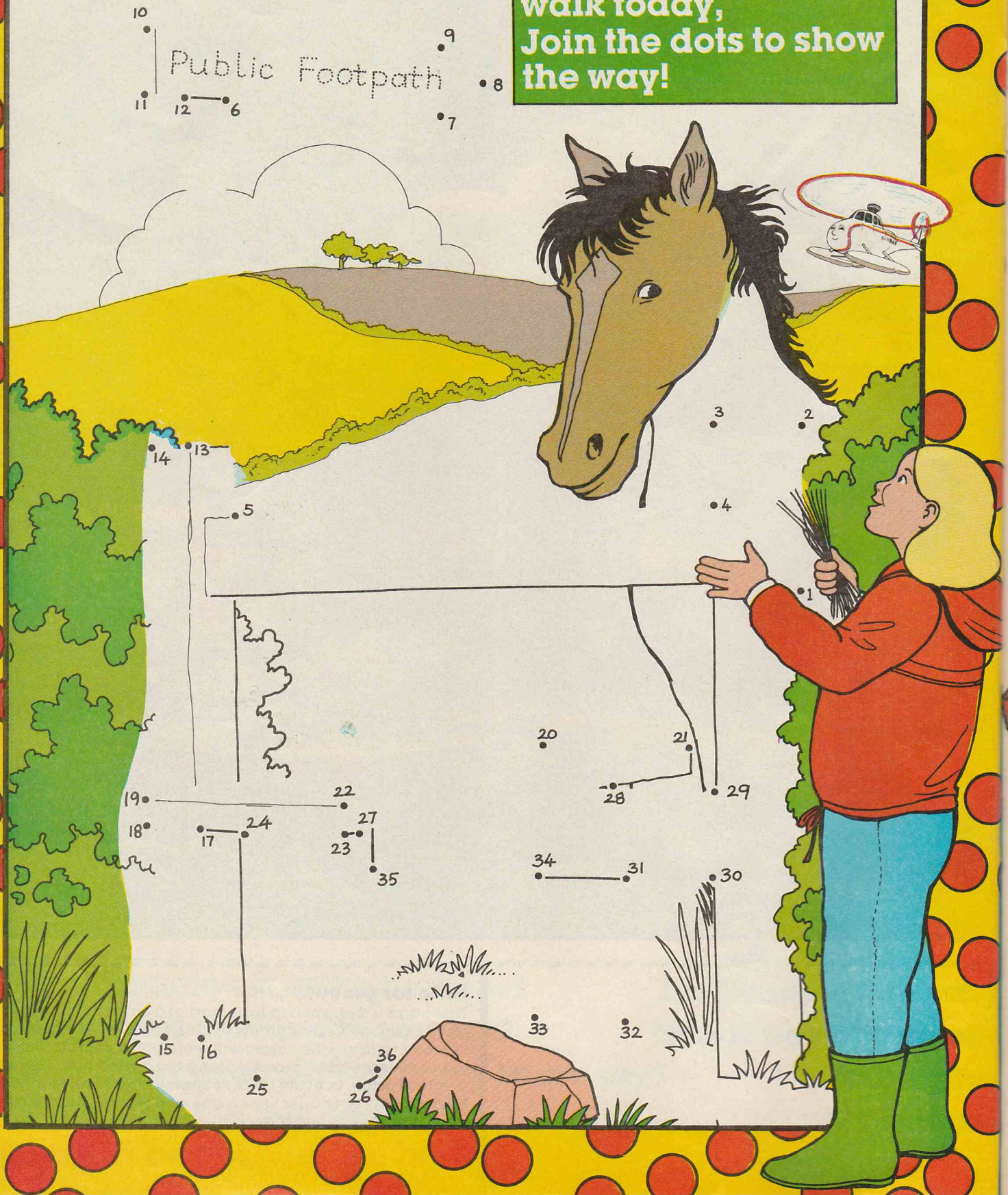

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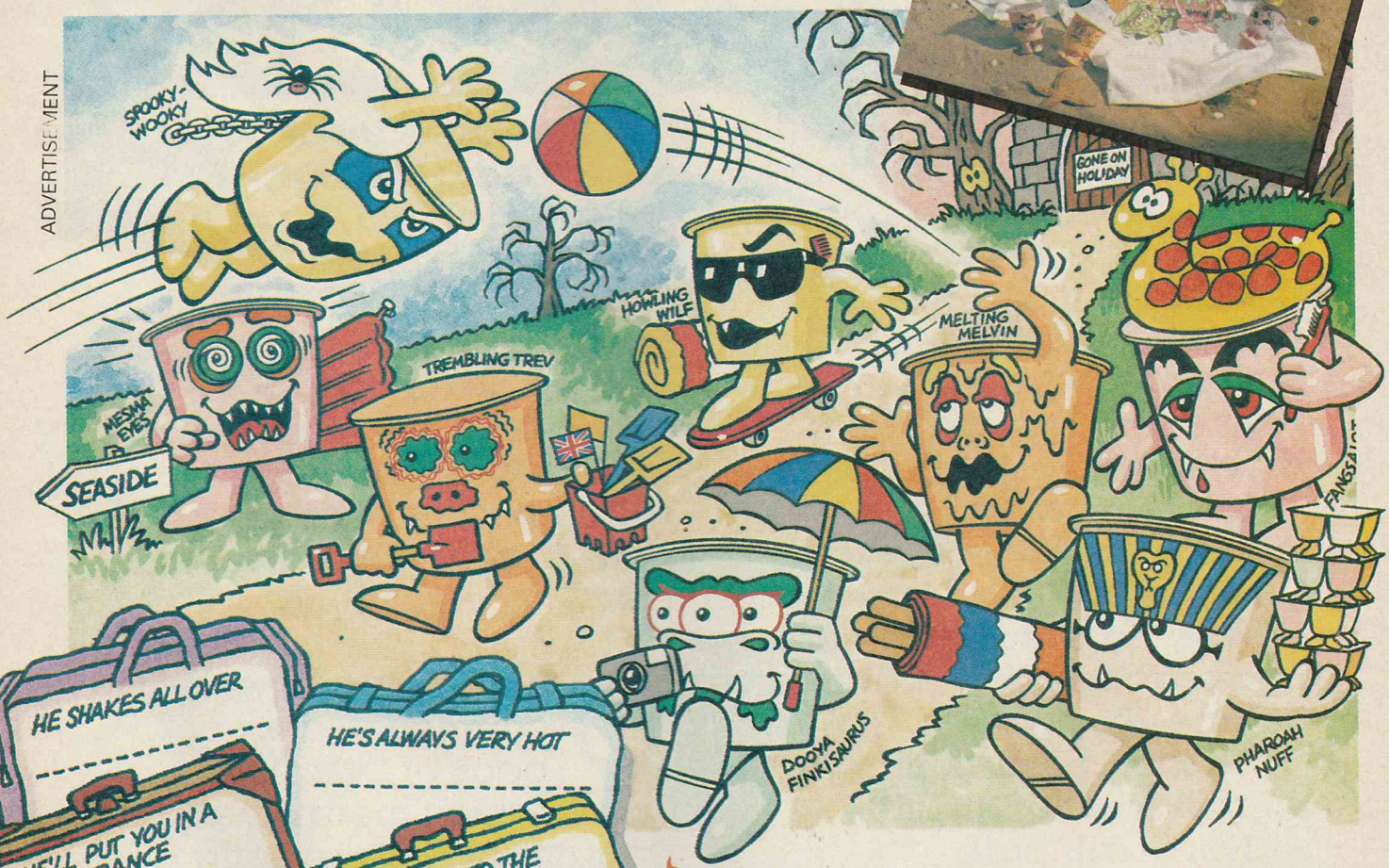

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A read-aloud story!

Douglas and the trucks!

Donald and Douglas are the Scottish twin engines. They usually work together on the Fat Controller's railway, but sometimes they are separated.

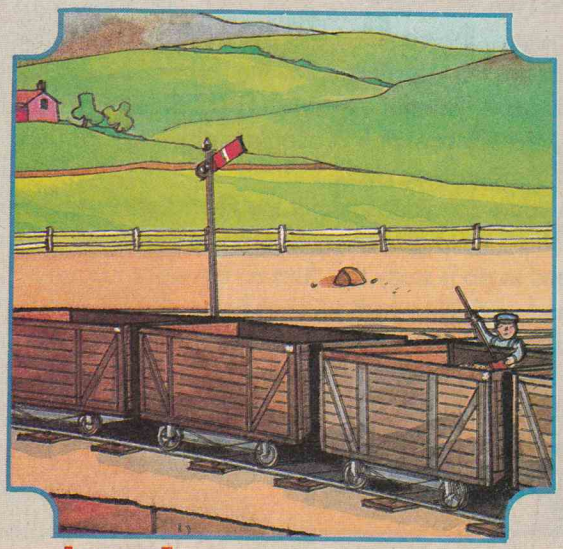
One day, Donald's help was needed in the yard.

"Ye shall have to pull trucks for both of us today, Douglas," he told his twin.

"Aye," said Douglas. "Tis nae problem for a strong engine like myself!"

"Ye shall be making two journeys," said Donald.

"Not at all," said Douglas. "Why make two journeys?"



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"There are a lot of trucks," said Donald.

"Nae problem," said Douglas again.

Douglas backed into the trucks with a bump.

"Ow! Oh!" cried the trucks. "Not so rough!"

"That was nae rough," said Douglas. "I want none of your nonsense now!"

Donald's trucks were coupled to the back of Douglas's trucks, which meant that Douglas had a very long train indeed.

"Come along now!" called Douglas. "Nae nonsense!"

"Nae nonsense! Nae nonsense!" grumbled the trucks. They rattled and moaned, "We'll show him! We'll show him!"

Douglas tried to put on speed, but every time he went fast, the trucks began to sway from side to side. When Douglas

went around a bend in the track it felt as if the trucks would pull him over and he had to slow down again. But worse was still to come.

When Douglas came to the Big Harbour, his driver applied the brakes.

"Slow down! Slow down!" groaned Douglas to the trucks.

"On, on, on," the trucks urged, pushing him forwards.

Douglas was pulling too many trucks and they were very strong! Douglas's driver had the brakes full on, but still the trucks pushed them forwards.

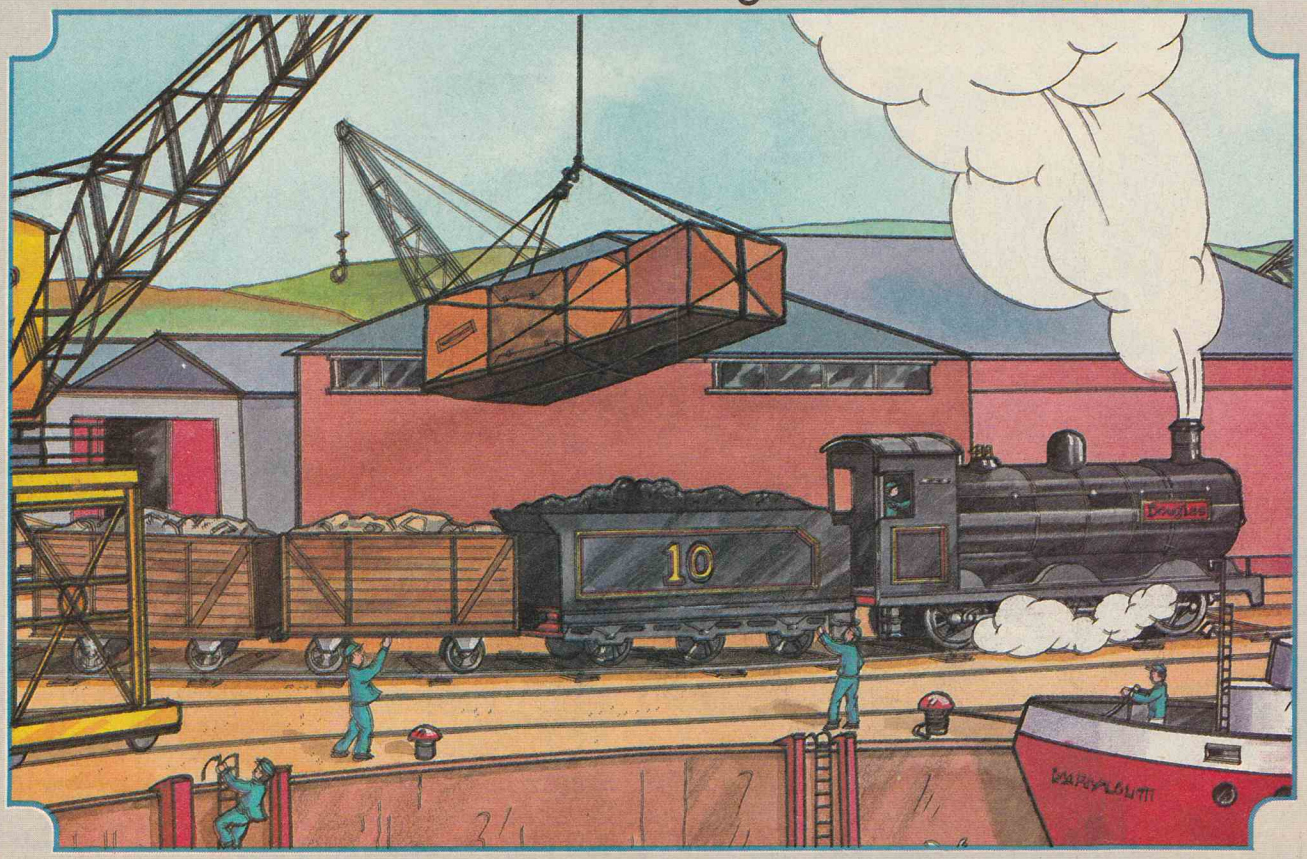
"Stop! Stop!" cried Douglas.

"On, on, on," chorused the trucks.

Douglas was approaching the quayside and he closed his eyes in fright, when slowly, slowly the brakes began to work and the long train ground to a halt.

"I thought you weren't going to stop for a minute," laughed the Stationmaster.

"Nae problem," laughed Douglas, nervously. "The next time Donald is away, I'll be making two trips! One lot of trucks is enough for any engine!" **THE END**



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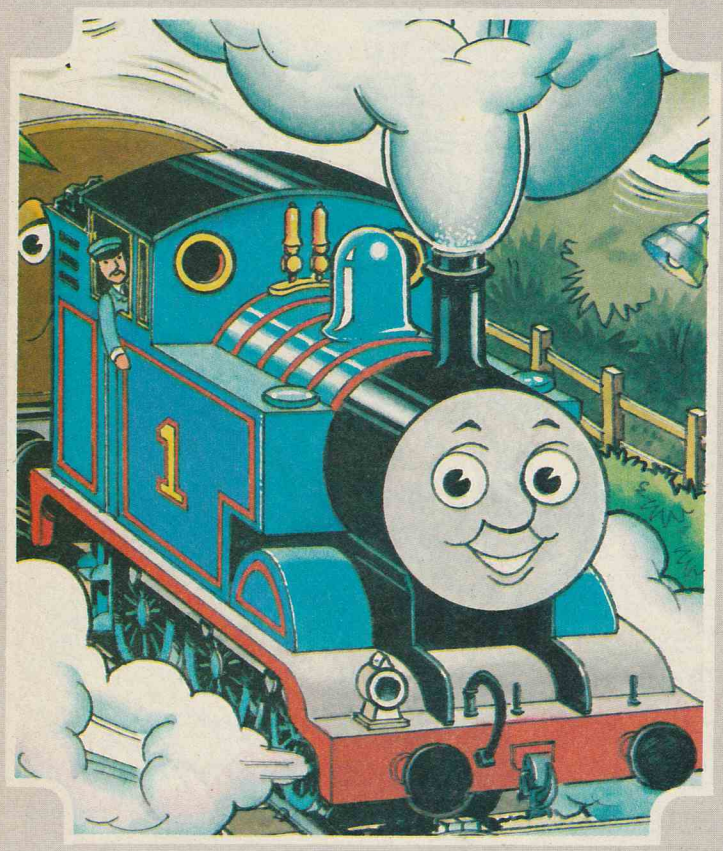

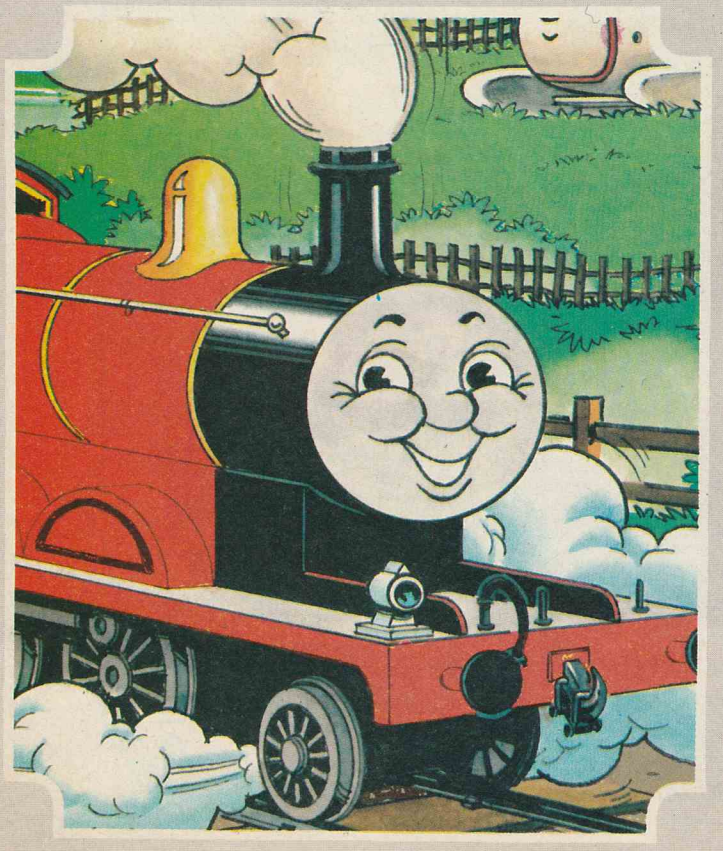

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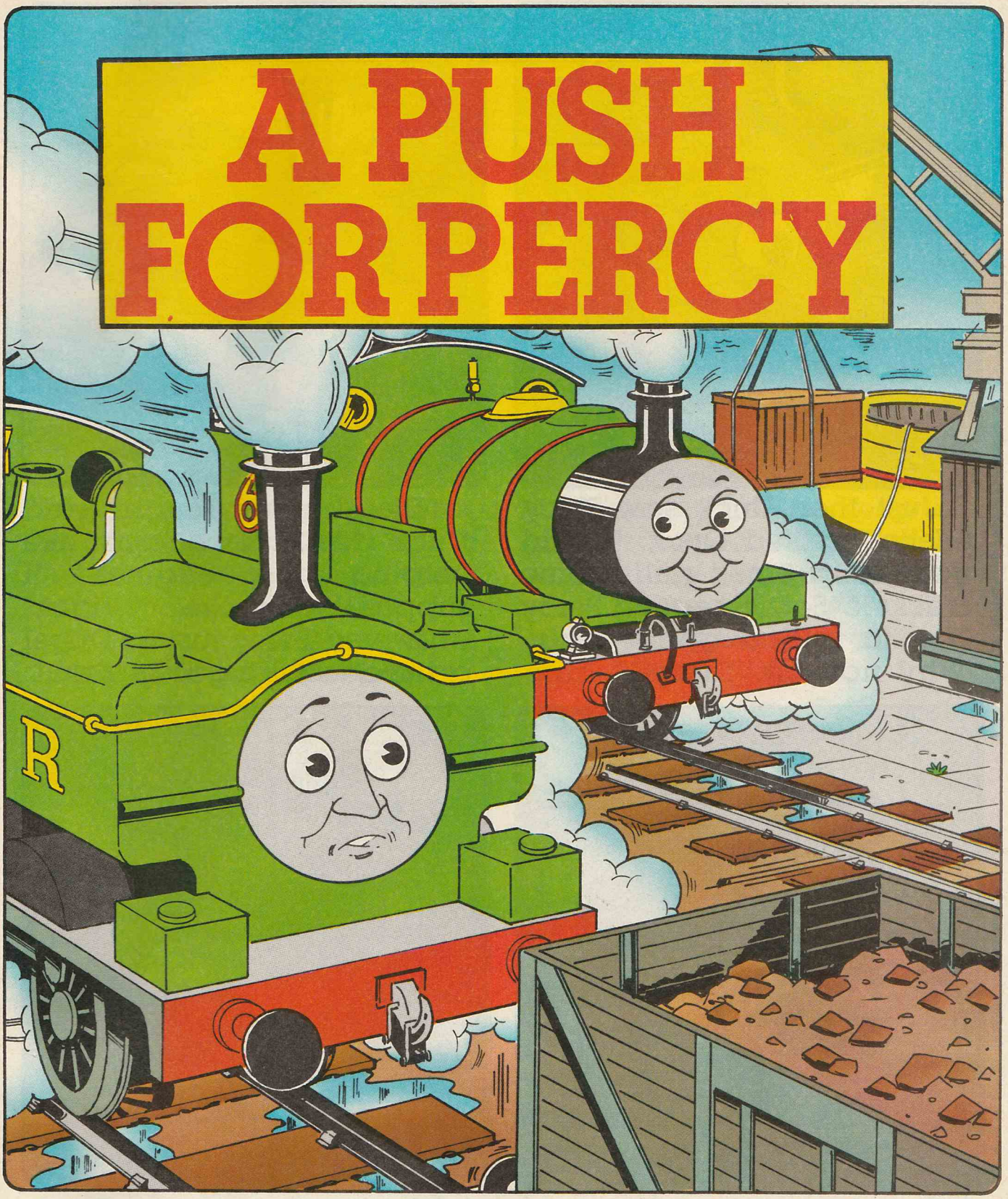
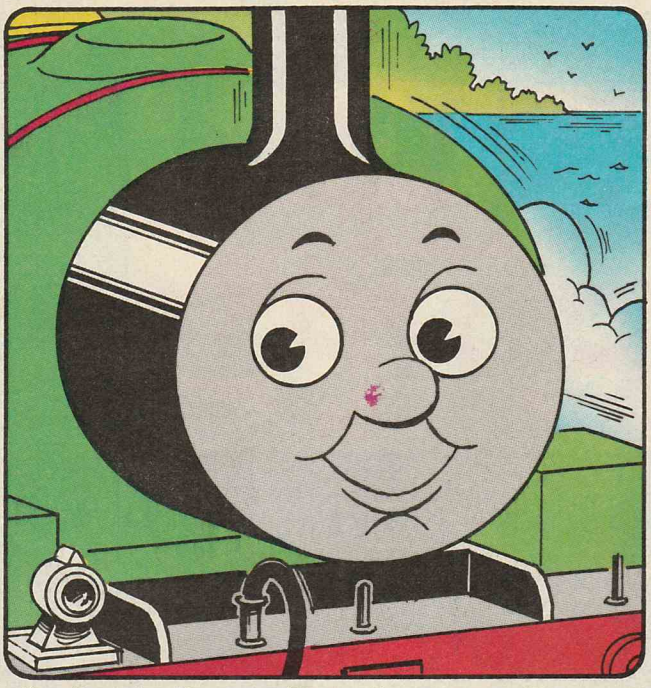


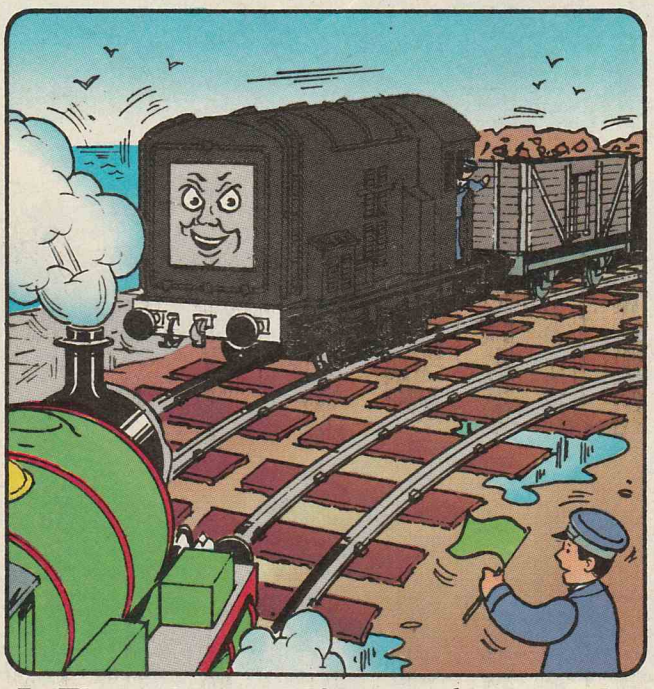
1. Everyone knows Diesel can be quite devious. He's rough with the trucks and very rude to the other engines. One day Duck was shunting in the Big Harbour Yard.

2. Two big ships had arrived together and were being unloaded. Duck was working hard to clear the loaded trucks. But it was very hard work for him indeed!

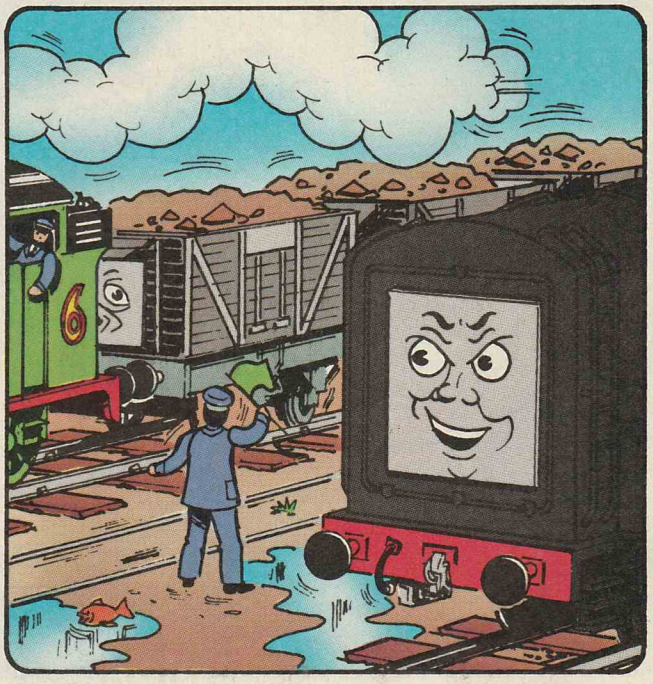


3. Just then, Duck saw Percy. "Hello," called Duck. "Could you help me pull some trucks?" "Sorry!" replied Percy, "I'm to pull a goods train. Why not ask Diesel?"

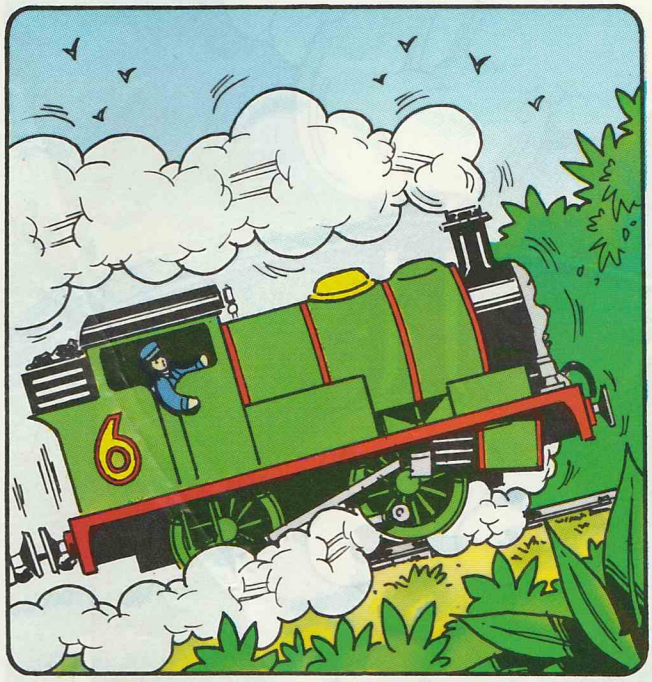
4. "Diesel is too rough!" said Duck. "And he doesn't like helping busy engines." "I suppose you're right," answered Percy, just as Diesel arrived with his goods train.



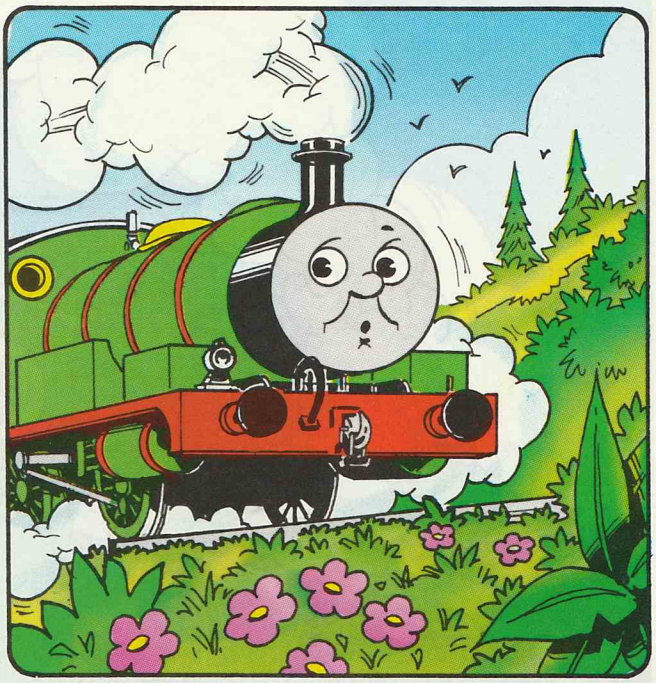
5. The long line of goods trucks looked heavy. "Are you sure this is my train?" asked Percy. "Henry was to pull it," smirked Diesel. "But his timetable was changed."



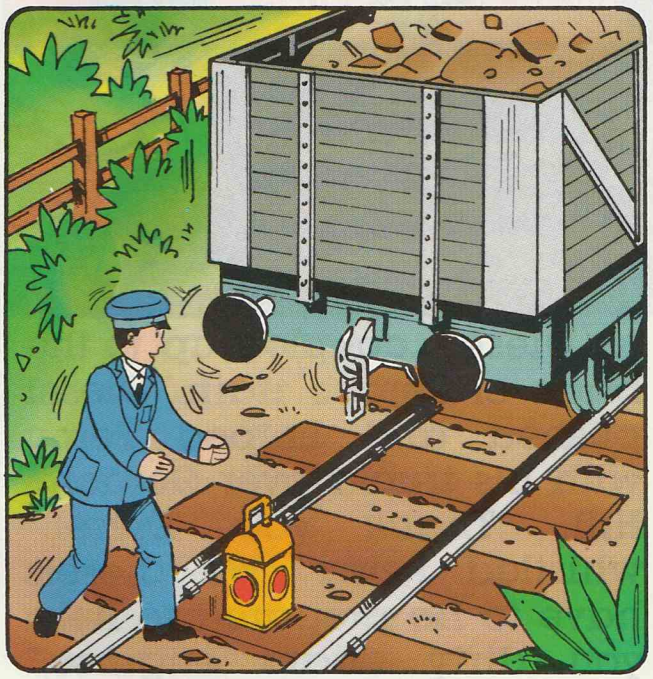
6. Diesel sidled away as Percy was coupled up to the heavy goods train. It was hard work for a small tank engine, but Percy was determined not to give up!



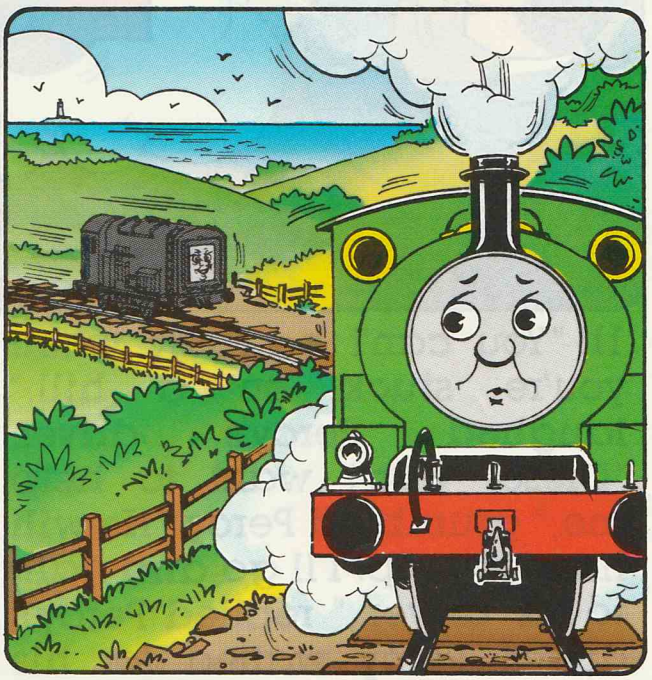
7. As Percy rounded a bend, he could see Gordon's Hill in the distance. The fireman shovelled more coal into Percy's fire box as they pulled hard towards the steep hill.



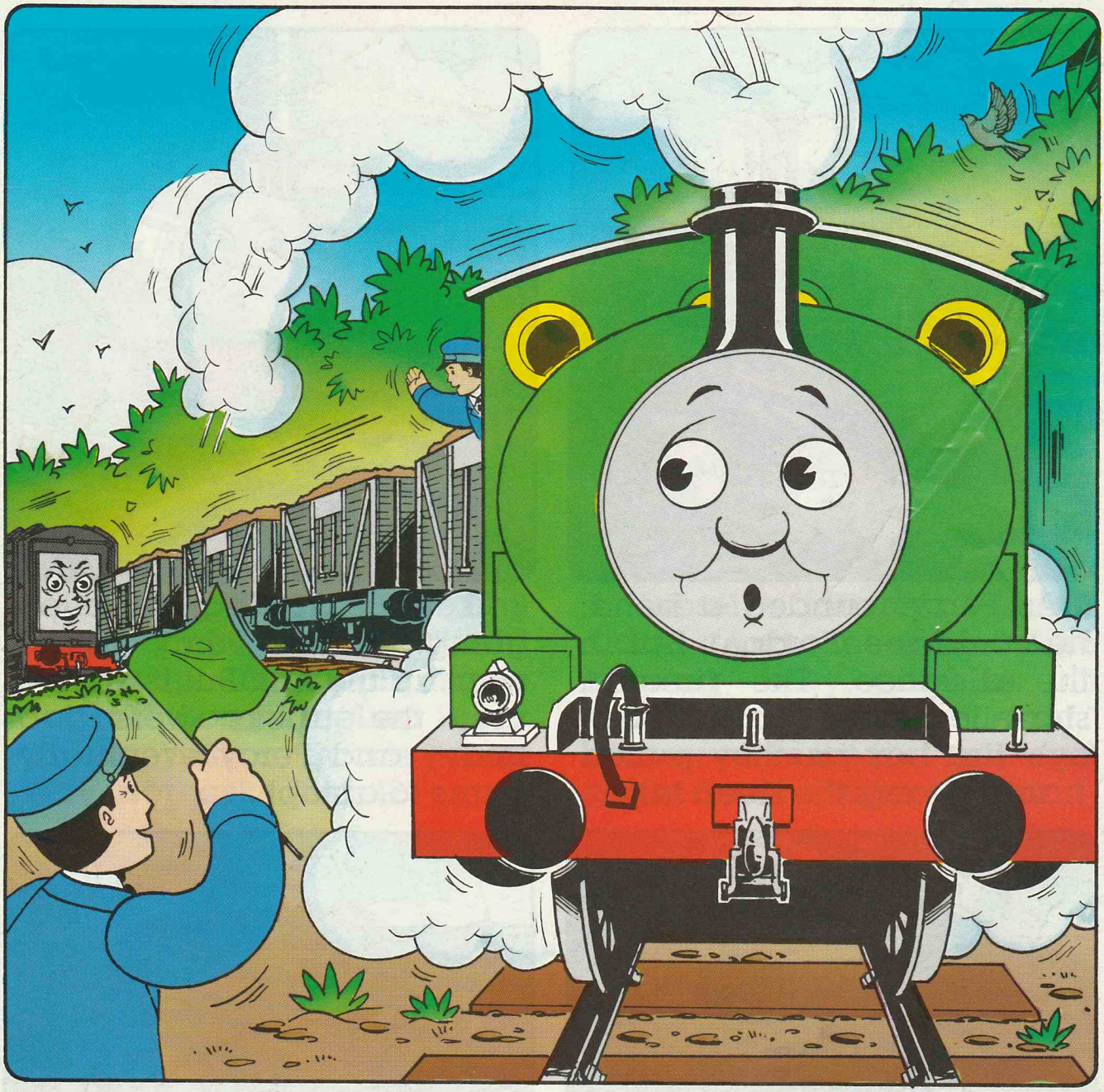
8. "Keep on going! Keep on going!" urged Percy, as he went up the hill. But it was no use, the trucks were too heavy and Percy eventually came to a stop!



9. Percy's driver put on his brakes, so Percy wouldn't roll backwards. His guard put a warning lamp back along the line. Percy was too tired to move. He was stuck!



10. They soon heard the familiar sound of Diesel behind them. "Diesel can give us a push!" suggested Percy's driver. "No thank you," groaned Percy.



11. "You can't be fussy when you're stuck on a hill," laughed Percy's driver. "Diesel won't want to help me," grumbled Percy. "He will have to help. I'll go and talk to his driver," replied Percy's driver. Percy waited for his driver to return. Soon he heard someone shout "get ready, Percy!" Then he heard Diesel behind him.

12. Diesel, coupled up to the back of Percy's train, Diesel pushed and helped Percy with his trucks over Gordon's Hill. "Thank you, Diesel," whistled Percy. "We diesels have to be prepared to help you dirty steam engines," smirked Diesel. "Pah," shrieked Percy, as he realised Diesel had tricked him into pulling the wrong train!

THE END

In our next issue: Daisy in distress!